

Experts at the Central Ohio Poison Center advise everyone to

Be Poison Smart! and Be Poison Wise! all year around!



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Poison Prevention Week

Mother accidentally gave medication to her 12 month old twice within an hour ... 18 month old found chewing on a Nicotine patch she dug out of the trash ... 2 year old swallowed seven Tylenol® tablets he found in grandma's purse ... 4 year old ate medication meant for a pet cat ... School nurse calls about an ADHD medication mix up for 6 & 8 year old siblings ... 12 year old swallowed a handful of mixed, unknown medications as a dare ... EMS is calling on behalf of a 14 year old who injected Humulin R® (short-acting insulin) instead of Humulin N® (long-acting insulin) ... After taking a few, different brands of caffeine pills to stay awake for exam, a 20 year old college student calls with complaints of fast beating heart and shortness of breath ... 33 year old with high blood pressure took some medicine for his cold and now he is feeling very dizzy ... 45 year old thought it was morning when she woke up from the afternoon nap and took her morning medicines again ... 50 year old accidentally took four Extra Strength Tylenol® tablets when two of those were meant for his wife ... 64 year old ingested a whole package of chocolate laxatives because she got confused about the instructions ...

• Are You Next?

- Poisonings and medication mistakes could happen to you or your loved ones
- Poisons don't discriminate - EVERYONE is at risk
- Poisoning deaths are on the rise - mainly due to medication misuse and abuse

• Highlights:

- Someone calls the poison center in every 13 seconds in the US
- Caring for poisoned patients cost over \$12 billion every year
- Poison center experts are able to treat 8 out of 10 poisonings at home or on site

Most poisonings can be prevented! Poison prevention is free!

Learn how to Be Poison Smart! and Be Poison Wise!

If someone is poisoned
call the poison center at
1-800-222-1222
from anywhere in the US



- ★ **Fast** (get help right away)
- ★ **Free** (for the public)
- ★ **Expert** (pharmacists, nurses, doctors)
- ★ **Private** (confidential)
- ★ **Every day** (24hrs, 7 days a week)

Please help your local poison center to maintain funding! Voice your concern and support at the following websites:
www.writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml ~and~ www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

**For additional information visit our website at www.bepoisonsmart.org or call the educators at (614) 355-0463.
Visit the Central Ohio Poison Center's Facebook Page often to find out about current issues.**